

Central District of Illinois

Civil prisoner cases needing Pro Bono Counsel (Feb/March 2023)

Any attorney interested in helping as Pro Bono counsel may contact the Pro Bono Coordinator for the Central District of Illinois, Marleen Cooke at 217-492-5204 or Marleen_Cooke@ilcd.uscourts.gov.

The Central District of Illinois Plan for Recruitment of Counsel has a cap of \$1,000.00 for reimbursement of expenses.

21-3203 – Pollion V Adesanya

Plaintiff Bryan Lovell Pollion is incarcerated at Graham Correctional Center, where the alleged violation occurred. Plaintiff asserts that during a medical examination in August 2019, Defendant, a physician's assistant, conducted a rectal exam that inflicted unnecessary and wanton infliction of pain in violation of the Eighth Amendment prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment.

22-3184 Dickerson v. Doe et al.

Plaintiff is currently detained at the Sangamon County Jail. Plaintiff alleges that two Springfield Police Officers (whom he has identified as John and Jane Doe) violated his constitutional right by arresting him without probable cause. Plaintiff does not know the woman who made the allegations against him that formed the basis for his arrest and claims that he is not guilty of the alleged crimes for which the officers arrested him. The Court determined that Plaintiff stated a false arrest claim against the Doe Defendants. The Court named Chief of Springfield Police Ken Scarlet as a Defendant solely as a placeholder since Plaintiff claims proceed against Doe Defendants.

20-4142 Racenelli v Taylor, et al.

Plaintiff Racenelli is civilly committed at the Illinois Department of Human Services treatment and Detention facility at Rushville and proceeds on a Fourteenth Amendment Claim against defendants for refusing to certify that he had completed specific group therapy sessions because he did not cooperate with the investigation at issue.

21-4132 Silva v Wexford

The Plaintiff has alleges that Defendant Dr. William Rankin was deliberately indifferent to his chronic back pain and unconstitutionally denied him adequate medical treatment because

Defendant Wexford Health Sources, Inc., maintains a policy or practice of delaying and minimizing treatment in order to save money and increase company profits.

21-4160 Price v Osmundson, et al.

Plaintiff Price alleges deliberate indifference to his serious medical needs at Hill Correctional Center and proceeds on an Eighth Amendment claim as to defendants Kramer and Osmundson.

22-4022 Crayton v. Gerischer et al.

Plaintiff is currently detained at Rock Island County Jail. Plaintiff alleges that two Defendant A & B put semen and poison into his food, sexually harassed him, orchestrated inmates to cut him with razors, and targeted him with hate. Plaintiff alleges further that Defendants A & B physically beat him on January 30, 2022, and that Defendants B & C placed him in segregation when he had not violated any prison rules. The Court determined that Plaintiff stated Fourteenth Amendment claims for inhumane conditions-of-confinement and excessive force against Defendants A & B and a procedural due process claim against Defendants B.